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CALL FOR PAPERS - OCPASS PERSPECTIVES **ISSUE 4 (2026)**

Quarterly Policy and Strategic Affairs Magazine

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General

1. The Osmani Centre for Peace and Security Studies (OCPASS) is an autonomous intellectual platform committed to advancing credible, impartial and evidence-based analysis of the strategic challenges confronting Bangladesh, South Asia and the wider international system. The Centre brings together scholars, military professionals, policymakers, practitioners and emerging researchers in order to strengthen national strategic thinking, foster informed debate and contribute to the development of practical policy responses. Its work is guided by a commitment to analytical independence, meritocracy, inclusivity and intellectual courage.

About OCPASS Perspective

2. OCPASS Perspective is the Centre's quarterly policy and strategic affairs magazine. It is intended for readers who require serious analysis without the density or formal architecture of a conventional academic journal. The magazine publishes concise, accessible and evidence-based essays that explain the significance of contemporary developments, test prevailing assumptions and identify practical implications for policy and strategy. Contributions should therefore combine intellectual discipline with clarity of expression and should be capable of informing policymakers, practitioners, researchers, students and an engaged general readership.

3. The Editorial Board invites submissions for Issue 4 (2026) from authors in Bangladesh and abroad. Successful manuscripts will present a clear argument, engage responsibly with relevant evidence and move beyond description towards interpretation, evaluation or policy prescription. The magazine particularly values work that connects national concerns with regional and global dynamics, while remaining attentive to Bangladesh's strategic interests and institutional realities.

Why Contribute

4. Publication in OCPASS Perspective offers authors an opportunity to reach a multidisciplinary readership and to participate in policy conversations extending beyond the academy. Selected



articles are circulated through the Centre's print and digital platforms and benefit from a structured editorial and double-blind review process intended to strengthen argumentation, factual accuracy and presentation. The magazine welcomes established specialists as well as promising new voices, provided that submissions meet the same standards of originality, evidence and analytical integrity.

Scope and Thematic Priorities

5. The scope of OCPASS Perspective is deliberately broad, reflecting the increasingly interconnected nature of peace and security. Authors may submit work on any relevant national, regional or international issue. The following areas indicate the magazine's principal interests, but they are not exhaustive.

a. Geopolitics, foreign policy and strategic affairs. Submissions may assess Bangladesh's external relations, regional posture and strategic options; the evolving distribution of power in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific; the politics of the Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean; great-power competition; bilateral and multilateral diplomacy; geoeconomic statecraft; sanctions; connectivity; and the strategic consequences of political or economic realignment.

b. National defence, military affairs and security governance. The magazine welcomes analysis of defence policy, military strategy, force development, deterrence, defence diplomacy, civil-military relations, security-sector reform, institutional resilience and the governance of national security. Studies of military history, operational experience and strategic culture are encouraged when they draw clear contemporary lessons.

c. Peace, conflict and political violence. Relevant subjects include armed conflict, insurgency, terrorism, violent extremism, radicalisation, peacebuilding, mediation, negotiation, post-conflict reconstruction and the participation of women and communities in peace processes. Contributions should seek to explain causes and consequences rather than merely recount events.

d. Maritime, air, border, cyber and information security. Authors may examine maritime governance and security in the Bay of Bengal, regional airspace, border management, cyber operations, information warfare, influence activities, emerging technologies, critical infrastructure and the strategic implications of the changing information environment.

e. Humanitarian, societal and non-traditional security. OCPASS Perspective encourages policy-oriented work on the Rohingya crisis, forced displacement, humanitarian diplomacy,



repatriation, climate change, disaster resilience, migration, energy and food security, public health security, gender, human rights and other challenges that affect the resilience of states and societies.

f. Law, institutions and policy instruments. Submissions may analyse domestic laws, international legal instruments, treaties, institutional arrangements and regulatory frameworks where these carry significant geopolitical, geoeconomic, security or societal consequences.

Categories of Submission

6. The magazine accepts analytical articles and policy essays that advance a distinct argument; research-based commentaries that translate specialised knowledge for a wider audience; case-based perspectives focused on a particular event, policy or institutional experience; strategic forecasts and forward-looking reflections on emerging risks and opportunities; policy or book reviews that evaluate important ideas and publications; and field reflections grounded in relevant professional or research experience. Interviews and commissioned debates may also be considered by invitation. Regardless of category, every submission must remain analytical, evidence-based and policy relevant.

Length, Style and Manuscript Preparation

7. Articles should be between 1,200 and 1,500 words, excluding citations and short reference notes. An abstract and keywords are not required. The title should be concise and informative, and the opening paragraphs should establish the central question, argument and relevance of the article. Authors should use clear prose, coherent sectioning and proportionate evidence. Excessive academic jargon, rhetorical exaggeration, unsupported assertion, inflammatory language and purely descriptive treatment should be avoided.

a. Submissions must be written in English. British and American spelling and usage are both accepted, but the chosen convention must be applied consistently throughout the manuscript. Files should be submitted in Microsoft Word format using Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5 line spacing and one-inch margins. Headings and sub-headings may be used where they improve readability. Tables, figures, maps and charts should be numbered, titled and accompanied by a clear source note; authors must possess the right to reproduce any third-party material.



Citation and Reference Requirements

8. All factual claims, statistics, quotations, legal propositions, historical assertions and contested interpretations must be supported by credible and traceable sources. Every manuscript must include appropriate citations and a complete list of the references used. The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th Edition, is preferred but is not mandatory. Other internationally recognised systems, including APA, Harvard and OSCOLA where appropriate, may be used, provided that one system is applied accurately and consistently throughout the submission. Authors are encouraged to rely on primary sources, official documents, peer-reviewed scholarship, reputable institutional reports, recognised databases and established news agencies.

Author Information and Biography

9. A separate title page should state the article title; the author's full name; designation; institutional affiliation, where applicable; email address; and contact number. Each author must also provide a biography of 50-70 words. The biography should identify the author's present position, principal areas of expertise or research interest, and relevant professional or publication experience. Personal information will be removed from the manuscript before it is sent for review.

a. Author biography format (50-70 words): [Full name] is [designation/position] at [institution]. His/Her/Their work focuses on [principal fields]. [Surname] has professional or research experience in [relevant area] and has contributed to [selected publications, institutions or policy processes, where applicable].

Double-Blind Review and Editorial Decision

10. All submissions will first undergo editorial screening for relevance, originality, structure, factual reliability, citation quality and conformity with the magazine's scope. Manuscripts that pass this stage will be considered through a double-blind review process in which the identities of authors and reviewers are withheld. Reviewers may recommend acceptance, revision, resubmission or rejection. The Editorial Board may request clarification, shortening, restructuring, additional sourcing or modification of language before making a final decision. Submission does not guarantee publication, and the Editorial Board reserves the right to accept, reject, defer or edit a manuscript in accordance with the magazine's standards.



Originality, Research Integrity and Author Declaration

11. Submissions must be the original work of the author and must not have been published previously or be under consideration by another publication. Plagiarism, duplicate publication, fabricated references, manipulated data, unattributed quotation, misrepresentation of sources and ghost authorship are unacceptable. Authors remain responsible for the accuracy of all claims, citations, translations, data and interpretations contained in their work and must disclose any funding, institutional relationship or conflict of interest that could reasonably be relevant to the submission.

Each manuscript must be accompanied by a declaration confirming that the article is original; is not under review elsewhere; properly acknowledges all sources; complies with the editorial and ethical requirements of OCPASS Perspective; and discloses any conflict of interest, funding support, prior dissemination or use of artificial-intelligence tools.

Use of Artificial-Intelligence Tools

12. Artificial-intelligence tools may be used only for limited assistance with language improvement, grammar, proofreading, formatting or comparable technical tasks. They must not replace the author's original research, judgement, analysis or authorship. AI systems may not be named as authors. Any material use of such tools must be disclosed, and the author remains fully responsible for the originality, factual accuracy, citations and intellectual content of the submission.

Submission Process

13. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the address below. The email should include the manuscript, the separate title page, the author biography and the required declaration. Authors should review the manuscript carefully before submission and ensure that citations and references are complete.

- a. Publication: OCPASS Perspective, Issue 4 (2026)
- b. Submission deadline: 30 November 2026
- c. Submission email: ocpass2025@gmail.com , research.coord@ocpass.org (Must mail in both addresses)



d. Email subject line: Submission for OCPASS Perspective Issue 4 - [Author Name] - [Article Title]

Honorarium

14. Writers of selected and published articles will receive honorarium.

Editorial Contact

15. For questions concerning suitability, preparation or submission, please contact the Editorial Committee at ocpass2025@gmail.com. Further information about OCPASS and its publications is available at www.ocpass.org.

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